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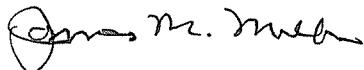
Ms. Elizabeth O'Donnell
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: **MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**
PSC Administrative Case No. 2005-00090

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed are an original and ten copies of the response of Meade County R.E.C.C. to the data requests propounded to it in the March 10, 2005, order of the Public Service Commission in the above-styled matter. Please note our appearance as counsel of record in this matter for Meade County R.E.C.C. I certify that a copy of this filing has been served this day on the persons shown on the attached service list.

Sincerely yours,



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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF KENTUCKY**

In the Matter of:

**AN ASSESSMENT OF)
KENTUCKY'S ELECTRIC)
GENERATION, TRANSMISSION)
AND DISTRIBUTION NEEDS)**

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8 **Item 1)** Provide a summary description of your utility's resource planning
9 process. This should include a discussion of generation, transmission, demand-side,
10 and distribution resource planning.

11 **Response)** Meade County RECC, which is involved only in distribution resource
12 planning, takes several steps in the process of forecasting loads and determining its
13 needs to provide adequate power to the public. First, a long term load forecast study is
14 performed every three years. This is done in tandem with the power supplier, Big
15 Rivers Electric Corporation. This study sees the entire distribution system as a single
16 load point, and identifies the power requirements for the next twenty years based upon
17 trends and weather patterns experienced in the previous 15 years. Demographics and
18 economic factors are also incorporated into the study.

19 Next, a long-range plan (LRP) is devised to break the system down into smaller
20 components, such as substations, feeders, and lines. Information from the long term
21 load forecast is used to help forecast the system's overall needs, but the loads and
22 needs are broken down and identified more specifically. The long-range plan is usually
23 devised for 12-20 years of use.

24 The third step is the compilation of a construction work plan (CWP), which is more
25 specific and detailed than the long-range plan. The CWP is usually devised for a 2-4
26 year use, and identifies substations and line sections that require forms of upgrade or
27 improvement to meet the technical criteria set by the cooperative to insure quality
28 power to each consumer.

29 In compiling the LRP and the CWP, a computer-based modeling software program
30 called WindMill (by MilSoft Inc.) is used. A GPS located model is supplied by Meade
31 County RECC's in-house mapping system to WindMill along with the billing data from
32 the in-house CIS (Customer Information System) that includes the demands and
33 kilowatt hour usages all of the accounts in the system. These systems are integrated
 together to provide accurate and detailed forecasts for the system's future needs.

34 **Witness)** David Poe

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8 **Item 2** Are new technologies for improving reliability, efficiency and safety
9 investigated and considered for implementation in your power generation, transmission
10 and distribution system?

11 a) If yes, discuss the new technologies that were considered in the
12 last 5 years and indicate which, if any, were implemented.

13 b) If no, explain in detail why new technologies are not considered.

14 **Response)** Yes.

15 a) i. As new substations are designed, built, and implemented,
16 metering and monitoring systems are integrated to allow the logging of data used for
17 future planning, remote detection of potential problems or events (such as reclosure
18 operations, regulator failures, etc.), and the possible remote operation of devices for
19 isolation purposes or the reduction of outage times.

20 ii. Approximately 5000-6000 meters have been adapted with
21 AMR (Automatic Metering Reading) modules not only to reduce the costs of reading
22 meters, but also to assist in remote detection and restoration of power outages. Plans
23 are tentative to complete the remainder of the system in the next 3-5 years.

24 iii. In 2000, Meade County RECC completed the GPS
25 location of all of the outside plant and completed the mapping program. In 2004,
26 Meade County RECC began the updating of its existing system to an ESRI based
27 platform to allow the implementation of an integrated outage management program,
28 automated staking, and a facilities maintenance program which will allow the tracking
29 and logging of device and system maintenance, including right-of-way.

30 **Witness)** David Poe

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6 **Item 5)** Provide actual and weather-normalized annual coincident peak demands
7 for calendar years 2000 through 2004 disaggregated into (a) native load demand, firm
8 and non-firm; and (b) off-system demand, firm and non-firm.

9 **Response)** Meade County RECC's entire load is native load, is considered firm
10 load and is listed below. These system peak demands are not weather normalized.
11 Weather normalization is usually performed during the compilation of the power
12 requirement study, which is being devised now.

13 **Actual Annual Coincident Peak Demands**

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15 2000: 90,880 KW
16 2001: 88,362
17 2002: 87,317
18 2003: 100,461
19 2004: 101,824

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21 **Witness)** David Poe

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Item 17 Provide a summary description of your utility's existing demand-side management ("DSM") programs, which includes:

- a) Annual DSM budget;
- b) Demand and energy impacts.
- c) The currently scheduled termination dates for the programs.

Response) Meade County RECC has no formal DSM program. Meade County RECC recognizes that Big Rivers Electric Corporation provides financial participation and technical support for certain programs. See Big Rivers Electric Corporation's response to the Information Requests contained in the Public Service Commission's Order of March 10, 2005, Administrative Case No. 2005-00090, Response to Item 17.

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6 **Item 18)** Provide your utility's definition of "transmission" and "distribution".

7 **Response)** Meade County RECC considers "transmission" to be the power
8 supplier's 69 KV equipment up to the point of attachment at the distribution substation.
9 All equipment from that point to the customer's weatherhead attachment is considered
10 "distribution". Meade County RECC owns and operates only distribution facilities.

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6 **Item 19)** Identify all utilities with which your utility is interconnected and the
7 transmission capacity at all points of interconnection.

8 **Response)** Meade County RECC is an electric distribution utility that receives
9 power from Big Rivers Electric Corporation's transmission system. Meade County
10 RECC does not own or operate transmission facilities and consequently has no points
11 of interconnection.

12 **Witness)** David Poe

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10 **Item 20)** Provide the peak hourly MW transfers into and out of each
11 interconnection for each month of the last 5 years. Provide the date and time of each
12 peak.

13 **Response)** Big Rivers Electric Corporation owns and operates the transmission
14 system. This question is not applicable to Meade County RECC. Also see response to
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6 **Item 21)** Identify any areas on your utility's system where capacity constraints,
7 bottlenecks, or other transmission problems have been experienced from January 1,
8 2003 until the present date. Identify all incidents of transmission problems by date and
9 hour, with a brief narrative description of the nature of the problem. Provide the MW
10 transfers for each of your utility's interconnections for these times.

11 **Response)** Big Rivers Electric Corporation owns and operates the transmission
12 system. This question is not applicable to Meade County RECC.

13 **Witness)** David Poe

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Item 22) Provide details of any planned transmission capacity additions for the 2005 through 2025 period. If the transmission capacity additions are for existing or expected constraints, bottlenecks, or other transmission problems, identify the problem the addition is intended to address.

Response) Big Rivers Electric Corporation owns and operates the transmission system. This question is not applicable to Meade County RECC.

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7 **Item 23)** Is your utility researching or considering methods of increasing
8 transmission capacity of existing transmission routes? If yes, discuss those methods.

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10 **Response)** Big Rivers Electric Corporation owns and operates the transmission
11 system. This question is not applicable to Meade County RECC.

12 **Witness)** David Poe

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8 **Item 24)** Provide copies of any reports prepared by your utility or for your utility
9 that analyze the capabilities of the transmission system to meet present and future needs
10 for import and export of capacity.

11 **Response)** Big Rivers Electric Corporation owns and operates the transmission
12 system. This question is not applicable to Meade County RECC.
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8 **Item 25)** Provide the following transmission energy data forecast for the years
9 2005 through 2025.

10 a) Total energy received from all interconnections and generation
11 sources connected to your transmission system.

12 b) Total energy delivered to all interconnections on your
13 transmission system.

14 c) Peak demand for summer and winter seasons on your
15 transmission system.

16 **Response)** Big Rivers Electric Corporation owns and operates the transmission
17 system. This question is not applicable to Meade County RECC.

18 **Witness)** David Poe
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8 **Item 26** Provide the yearly System Average Interruption Duration Index
9 ("SAIDI") and the System Average Interruption Frequency Index ("SAIFI"), excluding
10 major outages, by feeder for each distribution substation on your system for the last 5
11 years.
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14 **Response)** See the attached documentation for the system SAIDI and SAIFI without
15 storms and power supplier related outages for the last 5 years. Meade County RECC
16 does not track these indices by individual substations or feeders. Meade County RECC
17 only differentiates total outages versus those without power supplier and any storm
18 related outages. "Major storms" are not treated differently than a smaller one. Also,
19 any outages due to our power supplier failure are excluded from these reports.
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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	DURATION	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED
January	1,116	835	1.34			25,944	0.05	835	25,944
February	650	784	0.83		650	25,990	0.03	784	25,990
March	2,239	1,311	1.71		2,239	25,975	0.09	1,311	25,975
April	1,536	1,774	0.87			26,022	0.06	1,774	26,022
May	5,150	2,150	2.4			26,045	0.2	2,150	26,045
June	3,185	2,634	1.21			26,077	0.13	2,634	26,077
July	1,368	780	1.76			26,146	0.06	780	26,146
August	2,601	2,698	0.97			26,163	0.1	2,698	26,163
September	1,617	1,924	0.84			26,216	0.07	1,924	26,216
October	4,701	3,157	1.49			26,263	0.18	3,157	26,263
November	2,047	1,882	1.09			26,279	0.08	1,882	26,279
December	1,267	1,076	1.18			26,298	0.05	1,076	26,298
TO DATE	27,477	21,005	1.3081			27,477	1.0520	21,005	26,118

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January	1,221	857	1.43	1,221	25,348	0.05	857	25,348	0.04
February	1,405	1,456	0.97	1,405	25,342	0.06	1,456	25,342	0.06
March	566	423	1.34	566	25,334	0.03	423	25,334	0.02
April	2,714	2,661	1.02	2,714	25,352	0.11	2,661	25,352	0.11
May	922	610	1.52	922	25,393	0.04	610	25,393	0.03
June	825	706	1.17	825	25,474	0.04	706	25,474	0.03
July	2,023	1,890	1.07	2,023	25,540	0.08	1,890	25,540	0.08
August	1,360	1,259	1.08	1,360	25,653	0.06	1,259	25,653	0.05
September	2,717	2,427	1.12	2,717	25,730	0.11	2,427	25,730	0.1
October	1,800	1,792	1.01	1,800	25,770	0.07	1,792	25,770	0.07
November	2,125	1,152	1.85	2,125	25,794	0.09	1,152	25,794	0.05
December	1,581	1,535	1.03	1,581	25,898	0.07	1,535	25,898	0.06
TO DATE	19,259	16,768	1.1486	19,259	25,552	0.7537	16,768	25,552	0.6562

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January	1,762	2,061	0.86	1,762		24,923	0.07	2,061	24,923	0.09
February	1,118	865	1.3	1,118		24,914	0.05	865	24,914	0.04
March	1,871	1,495	1.26	1,871		24,942	0.08	1,495	24,942	0.06
April	737	557	1.33	737		24,967	0.03	557	24,967	0.03
May	1,231	1,117	1.11	1,231		24,992	0.05	1,117	24,992	0.05
June	2,691	2,393	1.13	2,691		25,001	0.11	2,393	25,001	0.1
July	2,404	1,775	1.36	2,404		25,091	0.1	1,775	25,091	0.07
August	6,167	5,908	1.05	6,167		25,155	0.25	5,908	25,155	0.24
September	2,987	3,328	0.9	2,987		25,178	0.12	3,328	25,178	0.14
October	1,163	1,313	0.89	1,163		25,233	0.05	1,313	25,233	0.06
November	8,835	3,172	2.7	8,835		25,277	0.35	3,172	25,277	0.13
December	1,088	1,315	0.83	1,088		25,324	0.05	1,315	25,324	0.06
TO DATE	32,054	25,299	1,2670	32,054		25,083	1,2779	25,299	25,083	1.0086

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January	917	860	1.06	917	24.374	0.03	860	24,374	0.03
February	1,010	1,144	1.13	1,010	24.332	0.04	1,144	24,332	0.04
March	1,083	970	1.11	1,083	24.348	0.04	970	24,348	0.03
April	413	442	0.93	413	24.371	0.01	442	24,371	0.01
May	1,303	1,413	0.92	1,303	24.474	0.05	1,413	24,474	0.05
June	2,900	3,132	0.92	2,900	24.523	0.11	3,132	24,523	0.12
July	4,661	3,267	1.42	4,661	24,539	0.18	3,267	24,539	0.13
August	1,233	1,133	1.09	1,233	24,618	0.05	1,133	24,618	0.05
September	2,310	2,377	0.98	2,310	24,662	0.1	2,377	24,662	0.1
October	2,101	2,762	0.76	2,101	24,697	0.09	2,762	24,697	0.12
November	1,568	1,626	0.97	1,568	24,738	0.07	1,626	24,738	0.07
December	3,622	2,488	1.46	3,622	24,846	0.15	2,488	24,846	0.1
TO DATE	23,121	21,614	1.07	23,121	24,544	0.95	21,614	24,544	0.88

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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT DURATION	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	748	703	1.06	748	23,752	0.03	703	23,752	0.02
February	1,562	742	2.1	1,562	23,774	0.06	742	23,774	0.03
March	1,099	1,544	0.71	1,099	23,826	0.04	1,544	23,826	0.06
April	525	546	0.96	525	23,843	0.02	546	23,843	0.02
May	2,648	2,433	1.08	2,648	23,906	0.11	2,433	23,906	0.1
June	1,635	2,106	0.77	1,635	23,981	0.06	2,106	23,981	0.08
July	1,257	1,025	1.22	1,257	24,063	0.05	1,025	24,063	0.04
August	9,102	3,818	2.38	9,102	24,123	0.38	3,818	24,123	0.15
September	1,701	1,763	0.96	1,701	24,180	0.07	1,763	24,180	0.07
October	1,524	1,550	0.98	1,524	24,164	0.06	1,550	24,164	0.06
November	1,413	1,188	1.18	1,413	24,220	0.05	1,188	24,220	0.04
December	9,941	5,286	1.88	9,941	24,321	0.41	5,286	24,321	0.22
TO DATE	33,155	22,704	1.4603	33,155	24,013	1.3807	22,704	24,013	0.9455

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6 **Item 27)** Provide the yearly SAIDI and SAIFI, including major outages, by feeder
7 for each distribution substation on your system for the last 5 years. Explain how you
8 define major outages.

9 **Response)** See the attached documentation for the system SAIDI and SAIFI with
10 storms and power supplier related outages for the last 4 years. Meade County RECC
11 did not track these indices with the storms and power supplier related outages in 2000.
12 Meade County RECC has not defined "major outages", except as required for
13 reporting outages under the Commission's regulations.

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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER DURATION	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	133,188	22,897	5.82	133,188	25,944	5.14	22,897	25,944	0.89
February	653	786	0.83	653	25,990	0.03	786	25,990	0.03
March	2,378	1,407	1.69	2,378	25,975	0.1	1,407	25,975	0.06
April	6,004	3,215	1.87	6,004	26,022	0.23	3,215	26,022	0.13
May	29,842	10,084	2.96	29,842	26,045	1.15	10,084	26,045	0.39
June	9,547	5,563	1.72	9,547	26,077	0.37	5,563	26,077	0.22
July	864,984	41,833	20.68	864,984	26,146	33.09	41,833	26,146	1.6
August	2,946	3,059	0.97	2,946	26,163	0.12	3,059	26,163	0.12
September	1,627	1,933	0.85	1,627	26,216	0.07	1,933	26,216	0.08
October	4,882	3,343	1.46	4,882	26,263	0.19	3,343	26,263	0.13
November	2,197	2,372	0.93	2,197	26,279	0.09	2,372	26,279	0.09
December	3,903	5,300	0.74	3,903	26,298	0.15	5,300	26,298	0.21
TO DATE	1,062,151	101,792	10.4345	1,062,151	26,118	40.6674	101,792	26,118	3.8974

	CAIDI			SAIDI			SAIFI		
	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	1,221	857	1.43	1,221	25,348	0.05	857	25,348	0.04
February	8,603	4,301	2	8,603	25,342	0.34	4,301	25,342	0.17
March	3,380	3,244	1.05	3,380	25,334	0.14	3,244	25,334	0.13
April	3,382	3,038	1.12	3,382	25,352	0.14	3,038	25,352	0.12
May	8,695	4,200	2.07	8,695	25,393	0.35	4,200	25,393	0.17
June	902	819	1.11	902	25,474	0.04	819	25,474	0.04
July	3,003	2,589	1.16	3,003	25,540	0.12	2,589	25,540	0.11
August	5,083	3,272	1.56	5,083	25,653	0.2	3,272	25,653	0.13
September	4,928	3,682	1.34	4,928	25,730	0.2	3,682	25,730	0.15
October	1,939	1,902	1.02	1,939	25,770	0.08	1,902	25,770	0.08
November	2,681	1,407	1.91	2,681	25,794	0.11	1,407	25,794	0.06
December	2,944	2,028	1.46	2,944	25,898	0.12	2,028	25,898	0.08
TO DATE	46,761	31,339	1.4921	46,761	25,552	1.8300	31,339	25,552	1.2265

	CAIDI			SAIDI			SAIFI		
	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT DURATION	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES	
January	1,954	2,273	0.86	1,954	24,923	0.08	2,273	24,923	0.1
February	1,491	1,045	0.06	1,491	24,914	0.06	1,045	24,914	0.05
March	7,936	5,318	1.5	7,936	24,942	0.32	5,318	24,942	0.22
April	5,573	3,290	1.7	5,573	24,967	0.23	3,290	24,967	0.14
May	3,877	2,467	1.58	3,877	24,992	0.16	2,467	24,992	0.1
June	2,822	2,656	1.07	2,822	25,001	0.12	2,656	25,001	0.11
July	3,062	2,216	1.39	3,062	25,091	0.13	2,216	25,091	0.09
August	11,842	11,481	1.04	11,842	25,155	0.47	11,481	25,155	0.46
September	4,605	4,136	1.12	4,605	25,178	0.19	4,136	25,178	0.17
October	3,473	3,081	1.13	3,473	25,233	0.14	3,081	25,233	0.13
November	15,070	18,523	0.82	15,070	25,277	0.6	18,523	25,277	0.74
December	2,895	1,847	1.57	2,895	25,324	0.12	1,847	25,324	0.08
TO DATE	64,600	58,333	1.11	64,600	25,083	2.58	58,333	25,083	2.33

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CAIDI				SAIDI				SAIFI			
	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS	HOUR/CUSTOMER DURATION		CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER DURATION		CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	1,067	900	1.18		1,067		24,374	0.04	900	24,374	0.03
February	1,243	1,250	0.99		1,243		24,332	0.05	1,250	24,332	0.05
March	1,083	970	1.11		1,083		24,348	0.04	970	24,348	0.03
April	432	453	0.95		432		24,371	0.01	453	24,371	0.01
May	1,962	1,913	1.02		1,962		24,474	0.08	1,913	24,474	0.07
June	3,334	3,468	0.96		3,334		24,523	0.13	3,468	24,523	0.14
July	5,411	3,839	1.4		5,411		24,539	0.22	3,839	24,539	0.15
August	2,142	1,703	1.26		2,142		24,618	0.09	1,703	24,618	0.07
September	3,167	2,804	1.13		3,167		24,662	0.13	2,804	24,662	0.12
October	7,441	4,331	1.72		7,441		24,697	0.31	4,331	24,697	0.18
November	2,404	2,200	1.1		2,404		24,738	0.1	2,200	24,738	0.09
December	5,659	9,747	0.58		5,659		24,846	0.23	9,747	24,846	0.4
TO DATE	35,345	33,578	1.06		35,345		24,544	1.44	33,578	24,544	1.37

* INCLUDES DATA FROM PWR SUPPLY AND STORMS

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7 **Item 28)** What is an acceptable value for SAIDI and SAIFI? Explain how it was
8 derived.

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10 **Response)** Meade County RECC does not have a specified number or level that is
11 considered acceptable. Meade County RECC does set goals every year based upon the
12 overall average of the previous 5 years of SAIDI, CAIDI, and SAIFI results. This
13 "composite reliability index" is set in determining the cooperative and employee
14 performance; however, this goal excludes power supplier and storm related outages.
15 The goal for 2005 is 3.22.

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17 **Witness)** David Poe

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6 **Item 29** Provide the yearly Customer Average Interruption Duration Index
7 ("CAIDI") and the Customer Average Interruption Frequency Index ("CAIFI"),
8 including and excluding major outages, on your system for the last five years. What is
9 an acceptable value for CAIDI and CAIFI? Explain how it was derived.

10 **Response)** See the attached schedule for the system CAIDI index for the last 5
11 years. Meade County RECC does not track or log the CAIFI or differentiate major
12 storms from smaller ones. Again, Meade County RECC does differentiate the outages
13 due to storms and power supplier versus the total system outages. As with SAIDI and
14 SAIFI, Meade County RECC does not determine acceptable levels or set goals for
15 CAIDI, but rather sets a reliability goal based upon the composite value of the three
16 indices. The 2005 reliability goal is 3.22 as stated in response to Item 28. As with
17 SAIDI and SAIFI, Meade County RECC did not track CAIDI in 2000 without
18 excluding the power supplier and storm caused outages.

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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	DURATION	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	1,116	835	1.34		1,116		25,944	0.05	835	25,944	0.04
February	650	784	0.83		650		25,990	0.03	784	25,990	0.03
March	2,239	1,311	1.71		2,239		25,975	0.09	1,311	25,975	0.05
April	1,536	1,774	0.87		1,536		26,022	0.06	1,774	26,022	0.07
May	5,150	2,150	2.4		5,150		26,045	0.2	2,150	26,045	0.09
June	3,185	2,634	1.21		3,185		26,077	0.13	2,634	26,077	0.11
July	1,368	780	1.76		1,368		26,146	0.06	780	26,146	0.03
August	2,601	2,698	0.97		2,601		26,163	0.1	2,698	26,163	0.11
September	1,617	1,924	0.84		1,617		26,216	0.07	1,924	26,216	0.08
October	4,701	3,157	1.49		4,701		26,263	0.18	3,157	26,263	0.12
November	2,047	1,882	1.09		2,047		26,279	0.08	1,882	26,279	0.08
December	1,267	1,076	1.18		1,267		26,298	0.05	1,076	26,298	0.04
TO DATE	27,477	21,005	1.3081		27,477		26,118	1.0520	21,005	26,118	0.8042

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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	INTERUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	1,221	857	1.43	1,221	25,348	0.05	857	25,348	0.04
February	1,405	1,456	0.97	1,405	25,342	0.06	1,456	25,342	0.06
March	566	423	1.34	566	25,334	0.03	423	25,334	0.02
April	2,714	2,661	1.02	2,714	25,352	0.11	2,661	25,352	0.11
May	922	610	1.52	922	25,393	0.04	610	25,393	0.03
June	825	706	1.17	825	25,474	0.04	706	25,474	0.03
July	2,023	1,890	1.07	2,023	25,540	0.08	1,890	25,540	0.08
August	1,360	1,259	1.08	1,360	25,653	0.06	1,259	25,653	0.05
September	2,717	2,427	1.12	2,717	25,730	0.11	2,427	25,730	0.1
October	1,800	1,792	1.01	1,800	25,770	0.07	1,792	25,770	0.07
November	2,125	1,152	1.85	2,125	25,794	0.09	1,152	25,794	0.05
December	1,581	1,535	1.03	1,581	25,898	0.07	1,535	25,898	0.06
TO DATE	19,259	16,768	1.1486	19,259	25,552	0.7537	16,768	25,552	0.6562

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	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS SERVED	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	OUTAGE TIMES
	DURATION	CUSTOMER	DURATION	CUSTOMER	SERVED	INTERUPTED	
January	1,762	2,061	0.86	1,762	24,923	0.07	2,061
February	1,118	865	1.3	1,118	24,914	0.05	865
March	1,871	1,495	1.26	1,871	24,942	0.08	1,495
April	737	557	1.33	737	24,967	0.03	557
May	1,231	1,117	1.11	1,231	24,992	0.05	1,117
June	2,691	2,393	1.13	2,691	25,001	0.11	2,393
July	2,404	1,775	1.36	2,404	25,091	0.1	1,775
August	6,167	5,908	1.05	6,167	25,155	0.25	5,908
September	2,987	3,328	0.9	2,987	25,178	0.12	3,328
October	1,163	1,313	0.89	1,163	25,233	0.05	1,313
November	8,835	3,172	2.7	8,835	25,277	0.35	3,172
December	1,088	1,315	0.83	1,088	25,324	0.05	1,315
TO DATE	32,054	25,299	1,2670	32,054	25,083	1,2779	25,299
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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	DURATION	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	917	860	1.06	917		24,374	0.03	860	24,374	0.03
February	1,010	1,144	1.13	1,010		24,332	0.04	1,144	24,332	0.04
March	1,083	970	1.11	1,083		24,348	0.04	970	24,348	0.03
April	413	442	0.93	413		24,371	0.01	442	24,371	0.01
May	1,303	1,413	0.92	1,303		24,474	0.05	1,413	24,474	0.05
June	2,900	3,132	0.92	2,900		24,523	0.11	3,132	24,523	0.12
July	4,661	3,267	1.42	4,661		24,539	0.18	3,267	24,539	0.13
August	1,233	1,133	1.09	1,233		24,618	0.05	1,133	24,618	0.05
September	2,310	2,377	0.98	2,310		24,662	0.1	2,377	24,662	0.1
October	2,101	2,762	0.76	2,101		24,697	0.09	2,762	24,697	0.12
November	1,568	1,626	0.97	1,568		24,738	0.07	1,626	24,738	0.07
December	3,622	2,488	1.46	3,622		24,846	0.15	2,488	24,846	0.1
TO DATE	23,121	21,614	1.07	23,121		24,544	0.95	21,614	24,544	0.88

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January	748	703	1.06	748		23,752	0.03	703	23,752	0.02
February	1,562	742	2.1	1,562		23,774	0.06	742	23,774	0.03
March	1,099	1,544	0.71	1,099		23,826	0.04	1,544	23,826	0.06
April	525	546	0.96	525		23,843	0.02	546	23,843	0.02
May	2,648	2,433	1.08	2,648		23,906	0.11	2,433	23,906	0.1
June	1,635	2,106	0.77	1,635		23,981	0.06	2,106	23,981	0.08
July	1,257	1,025	1.22	1,257		24,063	0.05	1,025	24,063	0.04
August	9,102	3,818	2.38	9,102		24,123	0.38	3,818	24,123	0.15
September	1,701	1,763	0.96	1,701		24,180	0.07	1,763	24,180	0.07
October	1,524	1,550	0.98	1,524		24,164	0.06	1,550	24,164	0.06
November	1,413	1,188	1.18	1,413		24,220	0.05	1,188	24,220	0.04
December	9,941	5,286	1.88	9,941		24,321	0.41	5,286	24,321	0.22
TO DATE	33,155	22,704	1,4603	33,155		24,013	1,3807	22,704	24,013	0.9455

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June	9,547	5,563	1.72	9,547	26,077	0.37	5,563	26,077	0.22
July	864,984	41,833	20.68	864,984	26,146	33.09	41,833	26,146	1.6
August	2,946	3,059	0.97	2,946	26,163	0.12	3,059	26,163	0.12
September	1,627	1,933	0.85	1,627	26,216	0.07	1,933	26,216	0.08
October	4,882	3,343	1.46	4,882	26,263	0.19	3,343	26,263	0.13
November	2,197	2,372	0.93	2,197	26,279	0.09	2,372	26,279	0.09
December	3,903	5,300	0.74	3,903	26,298	0.15	5,300	26,298	0.21
TO DATE	1,062,151	101,792	10.4345	1,062,151	26,118	40.6674	101,792	26,118	3.8974

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January	1,221	857	1.43	1,221	25,348	0.05	857	25,348	0.04
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March	3,380	3,244	1.05	3,380	25,334	0.14	3,244	25,334	0.13
April	3,382	3,038	1.12	3,382	25,352	0.14	3,038	25,352	0.12
May	8,695	4,200	2.07	8,695	25,393	0.35	4,200	25,393	0.17
June	902	819	1.11	902	25,474	0.04	819	25,474	0.04
July	3,003	2,589	1.16	3,003	25,540	0.12	2,589	25,540	0.11
August	5,083	3,272	1.56	5,083	25,653	0.2	3,272	25,653	0.13
September	4,928	3,682	1.34	4,928	25,730	0.2	3,682	25,730	0.15
October	1,939	1,902	1.02	1,939	25,770	0.08	1,902	25,770	0.08
November	2,681	1,407	1.91	2,681	25,794	0.11	1,407	25,794	0.06
December	2,944	2,028	1.46	2,944	25,898	0.12	2,028	25,898	0.08
TO DATE	46,761	31,339	1,4921	46,761	25,552	1,8300	31,339	25,552	1.2265

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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS INTERRUPTED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CONSUMERS SERVED	HOUR/CUSTOMER	CONSUMERS INTERRUPTED	CONSUMERS SERVED	OUTAGE TIMES
January	1,954	2,273	0.86	1,954	24,923	0.08	2,273	24,923	0.1
February	1,491	1,045	0.06	1,491	24,914	0.06	1,045	24,914	0.05
March	7,936	5,318	1.5	7,936	24,942	0.32	5,318	24,942	0.22
April	5,573	3,290	1.7	5,573	24,967	0.23	3,290	24,967	0.14
May	3,877	2,467	1.58	3,877	24,992	0.16	2,467	24,992	0.1
June	2,822	2,656	1.07	2,822	25,001	0.12	2,656	25,001	0.11
July	3,062	2,216	1.39	3,062	25,091	0.13	2,216	25,091	0.09
August	11,842	11,481	1.04	11,842	25,155	0.47	11,481	25,155	0.46
September	4,605	4,136	1.12	4,605	25,178	0.19	4,136	25,178	0.17
October	3,473	3,081	1.13	3,473	25,233	0.14	3,081	25,233	0.13
November	15,070	18,523	0.82	15,070	25,277	0.6	18,523	25,277	0.74
December	2,895	1,847	1.57	2,895	25,324	0.12	1,847	25,324	0.08
TO DATE	64,600	58,333	1.11	64,600	25,083	2.58	58,333	25,083	2.33

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	CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS	HOUR/CUSTOMER		CUSTOMER INTERRUPT.	CUSTOMERS	HOUR/CUSTOMER		CONSUMERS	HOUR/INTERUPTED	CONSUMERS	OUTAGE TIMES
	DURATION	INTERRUPTED	CUSTOMER		DURATION	SERVED	CUSTOMER		SERVED	INTERUPTED	SERVED	
January	1,067	900	1.18		1,067		24,374	0.04	900		24,374	0.03
February	1,243	1,250	0.99		1,243		24,332	0.05	1,250		24,332	0.05
March	1,083	970	1.11		1,083		24,348	0.04	970		24,348	0.03
April	432	453	0.95		432		24,371	0.01	453		24,371	0.01
May	1,962	1,913	1.02		1,962		24,474	0.08	1,913		24,474	0.07
June	3,334	3,468	0.96		3,334		24,523	0.13	3,468		24,523	0.14
July	5,411	3,839	1.4		5,411		24,539	0.22	3,839		24,539	0.15
August	2,142	1,703	1.26		2,142		24,618	0.09	1,703		24,618	0.07
September	3,167	2,804	1.13		3,167		24,662	0.13	2,804		24,662	0.12
October	7,441	4,331	1.72		7,441		24,697	0.31	4,331		24,697	0.18
November	2,404	2,200	1.1		2,404		24,738	0.1	2,200		24,738	0.09
December	5,659	9,747	0.58		5,659		24,846	0.23	9,747		24,846	0.4
TO DATE	35,345	33,578	1.06		35,345		24,544	1.44	33,578		24,544	1.37

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6 **Item 30)** Identify and describe all reportable distribution outages from January 1,
7 2003 until the present date. Categorize the causes and provide the frequency of
8 occurrence for each cause category.

9 **Response)** Attached is a summary of all outages, including outages beyond those
10 required to be reported under Commission regulations, from January 1, 2003 through
11 February 2005. The categories of cause are self-explanatory and the data is the
12 measured number of occurrences and hours.

13 **Witness)** David Poe

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Outage Summary

Month: December

Year: 2003

Number of Outages	Power Supply	Pre-Arranged	Trees In Right-of-Way	Trees Out-of Right-of-Way	Storms, rain, etc.	Line Hardware	Sectionalizing Devices	Transformers	Conductor	Broken Pole	Pulled Guy	Insulators	Others	Total
This Month	0	12	2	5	3	1	6	24	10	16	0	0	0	17
1 Yr Ago	0	7	5	0	21	1	4	7	3	8	1	0	0	9
Yr-to-Date	1	164	39	55	476	16	67	183	123	88	9	0	11	155
1 Yr Ago-to-Date	12	124	59	58	464	32	98	302	121	70	7	1	6	1536

Consumer Outage Hours	Average Outage Hours Per Consumer													
This Month	0	113	62	53	1363	1	23	151	11	1022	0	0	0	145
1 Yr Ago	0	60	181	0	1807	2	19	112	26	87	260	0	0	341
Yr-to-Date	2792	1094	1034	1286	24710	466	1333	2696	573	2605	577	0	510	7085
1 Yr Ago-to-Date	11573	1207	2329	875	20973	409	2675	8771	386	1464	1019	2	208	12709

Number of consumers served this month:
Actual number of consumers affected by service interruption(s) this month:
 Weighted Average number of consumers served this Year-to-Date:

25,898
2,028
25,552

Outage Summary

Month: December

Year: 2004

	Number of Outages				Total
This Month	0	5	3	5	20
1 Yr Ago	0	12	2	5	24
Yr-to-Date	20	174	51	1137	18
1 Yr Ago-to-Date	1	164	39	55	476

	Consumer Outage Hours				Total
This Month	0	16	323	242	2636
1 Yr Ago	0	113	62	53	1363
Yr-to-Date	339999	1563	1623	4499	694675
1 Yr Ago-to-Date	2792	1094	1034	1286	24710

	Average Outage Hours Per Consumer				Total
This Month	0	0.0006	0.0123	0.0092	0.1002
1 Yr Ago	0	0.0043	0.0024	0.002	0.0518
Yr-to-Date	12.9287	0.0594	0.0617	0.1711	26.4155
1 Yr Ago-to-Date	0.1078	0.0422	0.0399	0.0497	0.9541

	Number of Consumers Served This Month:				Total
This Month	0	0	0	0	0
1 Yr Ago	0	0	0	0	0
Yr-to-Date	12.9287	0.0594	0.0617	0.1711	26.4155
1 Yr Ago-to-Date	0.1078	0.0422	0.0399	0.0497	0.9541

26,298
5,300
26,118

Actual number of consumers affected by service interruption(s) this month:
Weighted Average number of consumers served this Year-to-Date:

Outage Summary

Month: Feb.

Year: 2005

Number of Outages	Power Supply	Trees in Right-of-Way	Trees Out-of Right-of-Way	Storms, rain, etc.	Line Hardware	Sectionalizing Devices	Birds and Animals	Transformers	Conductor	Broken Pole	Pulled Guy	Insulators	Other/Unknown	Total
This Month	0	10	0	2	0	2	0	6	5	4	0	0	0	7
1 Yr Ago	0	20	0	2	1	1	7	22	4	2	1	0	0	72
Yr-to-Date	0	15	1	6	16	5	3	10	8	8	0	0	0	93
1 Yr Ago-to-Date	4	37	5	5	208	5	12	36	15	8	2	0	0	358

Consumer Outage Hours

Number of Outages	This Month	1 Yr Ago	Yr-to-Date	1 Yr Ago-to-Date
Power Supply	0	93	0	309
Pre-Arranged	0	118	0	255
Trees in Right-of-Way	0	154	1	197
Trees Out-of Right-of-Way	0	255	1257	309
Storms, rain, etc.	0	154	371	29
Line Hardware	0	130	16	99833
Sectionalizing Devices	0	9	56	53
Birds and Animals	0	130	19	205
Transformers	0	253	386	378
Conductor	0	13	0	60
Broken Pole	0	7	0	341
Pulled Guy	0	2	0	7
Insulators	0	0	0	0
Other/Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	133841

Average Outage Hours Per Consumer

Number of Outages	This Month	1 Yr Ago	Yr-to-Date	1 Yr Ago-to-Date
Power Supply	0	0.0035	0	0.0001
Pre-Arranged	0	0.0045	0	0.0002
Trees in Right-of-Way	0	0.0058	0.0000	0.0097
Trees Out-of Right-of-Way	0	0.0076	0.0119	0.0111
Storms, rain, etc.	0	0.0076	0.0076	3.8412
Line Hardware	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0020
Sectionalizing Devices	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0079
Birds and Animals	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0145
Transformers	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0023
Conductor	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0131
Broken Pole	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0003
Pulled Guy	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0071
Insulators	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0006
Other/Unknown	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0015
Total	0	0.0076	0.0076	0.0073

Number of consumers served this month:

Actual number of consumers affected by service interruption(s) this month:
26,331
545
Weighted Average number of consumers served this Year-to-Date:
26,339

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Item 31) Does your utility have a distribution and/or transmission reliability improvement program?

- a) How does your utility measure reliability?
- b) How is the program monitored?
- c) What are the results of the system?
- d) How are proposed improvements for reliability approved and

implemented?

Response) Yes, Meade County RECC reviews the distribution outage reports every month and determines if there are any trends or particular components that need attention.

a) Reliability is measured via the outage reports provided in response to Data Request No. 30 and with the resulting SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI indices described in answers to Data Requests No. 26, 27, 28, and 29.

b) New outage reports and reliability indices are generated and provided to key operations personnel and cooperative staff members monthly.

c) The reports have helped to identify trends of outage causes and areas of concern. For example, for several years animal related outages have increased while most other areas of cause have declined. Beginning a couple of years ago, Meade County RECC began using off-peak work time to install animal guards on transformers, reclosures, and other equipment on the system in an attempt to reduce these types of interruptions.

d) Generally, these issues are discussed between foremen, superintendents, and the Vice President of Operations during weekly foremen meetings or at safety meetings. Unless the solutions involve the need of extraordinary funds, decisions to correct or alleviate situations or implement solutions may be made then;

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6 otherwise, a proposal may be made to the president and the board, if necessary. The
7 company suggestion boxes also provide another avenue for the identification for
8 forwarding of problems and the introduction of possible solutions.

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Item 32) Provide a summary description of your utility's:

a) Right-of-way management program. Provide the budget for the last 5 years.

b) Vegetation management program. Provide the budget for the last 5 years.

c) Transmission and distribution inspection program. Provide the budget for the last 5 years.

Response) a) See response to Data Request No. 32 b) below.

b) Meade County RECC does not differentiate the right-of-way (ROW) program from the vegetation management program. Attached is a summary of the ROW budgets and actual expenditures for the years of 2000-2004. Additional expenditures that are not included in these costs are those designated and used for a cooperative employee (ROW coordinator) dedicated for the management of the ROW program and his transportation expenses. These total to an annual amount of about \$75-80K.

c) The distribution system is physically walked out and inspected by Meade County RECC outside personnel biennially. One-half of the system is inspected each year. However, the costs of performing such inspections are not tracked specifically; those costs are included in the maintenance cost for the system. The inspections are usually performed during the winter months when other work is at a slower pace. Substations and downline regulators are inspected monthly. Substation infrared inspections and substation transformer oil analysis are performed annually.

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Budgets and Actual Expenditures of Meade County RECC Right-of-Way Program for 2000 - 2004

	Budget		Cooperative Budget Total	Actual		Cooperative Actual Total
	Hardinsburg	Brandenburg		Hardinsburg	Brandenburg	
2004						
Service orders	\$54,855	\$54,853	\$109,708	\$41,168	\$58,595	\$99,763
Contract cutting						
Hourly cutting	\$482,728	\$228,064	\$710,792	\$346,179	\$256,396	\$602,575
Trade-a-tree	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$37	\$85	\$122
Chemical spraying	\$68,545	\$69,455	\$138,000	\$54,918	\$43,000	\$97,918
Total	\$606,628	\$352,872	\$959,500	\$442,302	\$358,076	\$800,378
2003						
Service orders	\$40,199	\$54,778	\$94,977	\$48,102	\$47,340	\$95,442
Contract cutting						
Hourly cutting	\$456,984	\$324,216	\$781,200	\$396,131	\$245,394	\$641,525
Trade-a-tree	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Chemical spraying	\$32,750	\$33,360	\$66,110	\$27,839	\$21,368	\$49,207
Total	\$530,433	\$412,854	\$943,287	\$472,572	\$314,602	\$787,174
2002						
Service orders	\$65,496	\$65,496	\$130,992	\$33,597	\$56,780	\$90,377
Contract cutting		\$134,790	\$134,790		\$89,860	\$89,860
Hourly cutting	\$149,220	\$119,268	\$268,488	\$125,521	\$181,086	\$306,607
Trade-a-tree	\$500	\$500	\$1,000		\$396	\$396
Chemical spraying	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$42,000	\$8,003	\$38,798	\$46,801
Total	\$236,216	\$341,054	\$577,270	\$167,121	\$366,920	\$534,041
2001						
Service orders	\$102,456	\$102,456	\$204,912	\$64,470	\$55,065	\$119,535
Contract cutting						
Hourly cutting	\$97,656	\$97,656	\$195,312	\$96,771	\$218,475	\$315,246
Trade-a-tree	\$455	\$455	\$910		\$660	\$660
Chemical spraying	\$20,000	\$57,240	\$77,240	\$18,883	\$46,145	\$65,028
Total	\$220,567	\$257,807	\$478,374	\$180,124	\$320,345	\$500,469
2000						
Service orders	\$18,960	\$18,960	\$37,920			
Contract cutting						
Hourly cutting	\$109,800	\$109,800	\$219,600			
Trade-a-tree	\$500	\$500	\$1,000			
Chemical spraying	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$280,000			
Total	\$269,260	\$269,260	\$538,520			\$391,332

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6 **Item 33)** Explain the criteria your utility uses to determine if pole or conductor
7 replacement is necessary. Provide costs/budgets for transmission and distribution
8 facilities replacement for the years 2000 through 2025.

9 **Response)** During the biennial system inspections, each pole is "sounded" with a
10 hammer and then probed with a sharp instrument at the base of the pole to determine
11 its stability. A visual inspection is also performed on the pole, wire, and hardware.
12 These tests help the personnel to determine whether the pole and conductor need any
13 corrective action such as pole replacement.

14 In determining larger-scaled line upgrades and pole or conductor replacements, the
15 outage information and Construction Work Plan (CWP) are used. No set limits or
16 thresholds on the outage data are set to trigger or initiate such projects. The data is
17 reviewed monthly and close communications with the front line personnel identifies
18 potential problems such as lines that require replacement or upgrades.

19 Included below are the expenditures for pole replacements and line
20 upgrade/replacement for 2000-2004. The budget for future years is not set this far in
21 advance; Meade County RECC is in the last days of a three-year CWP. The CWP
22 usually set those budgets for the life of that CWP, but the LRP does not address the
23 money need for pole replacements or for line replacements identified due to outage
24 information. The last two years had fewer conductor/pole replacement/upgrades than
25 usual due to accelerated work performed on substation upgrades and construction.
26 However, Meade County RECC anticipates the rate of system improvements and
27 replacements to return to bear the same rate as experienced in 2001 and 2002.
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	Pole Replacement	Conductor/Pole
	Costs	Replacement/Upgrades
2000	\$ 442,441	\$ 458,656
2001	772,690	1,078,061
2002	612,190	1,767,208
2003	666,078	566,950
2004	656,947	375,498

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